

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1) (Currently amended): A method of making product wraps, comprising the steps of:  
causing a continuous strip {3} of wrapping material, presenting at least two bands {4} of adhesive extending parallel with its longitudinal dimension, to advance along a predetermined path;  
cutting the strip {3} transversely along dividing lines {10} to obtain a plurality of leaves {11} each presenting longitudinal edges {10a} coinciding with relative dividing lines {10};  
associating at least one product {2} with a respective substantially central area of each leaf {11};  
folding each leaf {11} around a relative product {2} and bringing together the two longitudinal edges {10a} to form a tubular sheath;  
closing the ends of the tubular sheath to obtain a wrap {1},  
~~characterized in that it comprises a step,~~  
preceding the step of folding each leaf {11} around a relative product {2}, of establishing, at least one point portion {A} between the two adhesive bands {4} and coinciding with the transverse dividing line {10}, from which to initiate an easy tear along a direction substantially transverse to the longitudinal edges {10a} of the leaf {11},  
generating, on the easy tear portion, at least one notch on each dividing line, extending parallel to the longitudinal dimension of the strip and intersecting the relative line, and  
generating a second notch intersecting transversely the first notch.

2) (Cancelled)

3) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 2 1, comprising wherein the further step of generating a second notch {8} coinciding with the first notch {7} and serving serves to

create an indentation {12} and a projection {13} on the opposite longitudinal edges {10a} presented by each leaf {11}.

4) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3, wherein the first notch {7} and the second notch {8} are generated prior to the step of cutting the strip {3} transversely along the dividing lines.

5) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3, wherein the first notch {7} and the second notch {8} are generated simultaneously with the step of cutting the strip {3} transversely along the dividing lines.

6) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3, wherein the steps of generating the first notch {7}, generating the second notch {8} and cutting the strip {3} transversely along the dividing lines are implemented in sequence.

7) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3, wherein the second notch {8} presents an outline substantially of one of a "U" shape, ~~and~~ substantially of "Vee" shape, ~~and~~ substantially of "W" shape, or substantially of "S" shape.

8) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3, wherein the step of generating a second notch {8} comprises the subsidiary step of piercing the easy tear portion point {A} in such a way as to create two indentations {12} in each leaf {11}, each presented by a respective longitudinal edge {10a}.

9) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 3, wherein the step of cutting the strip {3} transversely along the dividing line {10} comprises the subsidiary steps of making two distinct cuts along the selfsame line, each extending from the second notch {8} toward a longitudinal edge {3a} of the strip {3}.

10) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 2 1, wherein the step of generating at least one first notch  $\{7\}$  parallel to the longitudinal dimension of the strip  $\{3\}$  is implemented before the step of cutting the strip  $\{3\}$  transversely along the dividing line  $\{10\}$ .

11) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of establishing an easy tear portion point  $\{A\}$  comprises the step of generating at least one segment  $\{7a\}$  of broken line appearance positioned to coincide with the transverse dividing line  $\{10\}$ .

12) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 11, wherein the broken line segment  $\{7a\}$  extends the full length of the transverse cut made across the strip  $\{3\}$ .

13) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the continuous strip  $\{3\}$  presents second adhesive bands  $\{5\}$  extending transversely to the longitudinal dimension of the strip  $\{3\}$ , each coinciding with a relative easy tear portion point  $\{A\}$ .

14) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1, comprising the step of twisting the ends of the tubular sheath to produce a sealed double twist wrap  $\{4\}$ .

15) (Currently amended) A method as in claim 1, comprising the step, implemented as the strip  $\{3\}$  advances along the predetermined direction and before the step of generating the notches, of applying the first and second adhesive bands  $\{4, 5\}$  to the selfsame strip.

16-24. (Cancelled)